

BIOGRAPHY

United States Air Force

Chief of Special Operations and Intelligence Information, Strategic Communications at Multinational Force Iraq

COLONEL DONALD J. BACON

Colonel Donald Bacon is currently assigned to the MNF-I Strategic Communications Division in Baghdad. Prior to this he was the Commander of the 55th Electronic Combat Group. This EC-130H COMPASS CALL group conducted combat operations in both Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM during his entire tenure of command. Colonel Bacon has also served as the Commander of the 41st Electronic Combat Squadron and led the unit during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM—the squadron flew 223 combat sorties, 1,967 hours and supported the ground offensive that liberated Baghdad and Tikrit. He has been an intelligence officer and also an electronic warfare officer in the RC-135S/COBRA BALL. He has served as a chief of standardization and evaluation, chief of electronic warfare officer training, wing protocol officer, operations officer for an operations support squadron and a flying squadron, and was the executive officer for the Twelfth Air Force Commander as well as the Deputy Chief Staff for Warfighting Integration and AF's Chief Information Officer. His ACSC research paper on World War II Deception and Lessons Learned for the Joint Planner was published in Air University's Wright Flyers.



EDUCATION

- 1979 American International Student Program, Aberdeen University, Scotland
- 1984 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Minor in History, Northern Illinois University
- 1984 Internship with Congressman Edward Madigan, Washington, D.C.
- 1986 Officer Intelligence School (Distinguished Graduate), Lowry AFB, Colorado
- 1989 Squadron Officer School (resident and correspondence), Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 1991 Navigator/Electronic Warfare School (Distinguished Graduate), Mather AFB, California
- 1995 Masters Degree in Management, University of Phoenix, Arizona
- 1998 Air Command and Staff College resident (Distinguished Graduate), Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2000 Air War College seminar ("Excellent Graduate")
- 2004 National War College resident, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 2004 Fundamentals to Acquisition Course, DAU on-line course
- 2006 Seminar XXI, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Bronze Star
- Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, 3 OLC
- Air Force Commendation Medal, 2 OLC
- Air Force Aerial Achievement Medal
- Air Force Achievement Medal, 1 OLC